

HCS HB 219 -- PRIVATE PROBATION SERVICES (Hill)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

This bill specifies that a drug court shall not prohibit a drug court participant from participating in and receiving medication assisted treatment under the care of a licensed physician if the drug court participant requires such treatment for opioid abuse dependence. A drug court participant assigned to a substance abuse treatment program for opioid abuse or dependence shall not be in violation of the terms or conditions of the program on the basis of his or her participation in medication assisted treatment.

Additionally, the bill specifies that in all cases utilizing private probation services, the cutoff concentrations utilized by the Department of Corrections' regarding drug and alcohol screening for clients must be used, and clients must not be required to travel in excess of 50 miles in order to attend their regular probation meetings.